

REMARKS

Claims 1-53 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-33 and 38-53, drawn to a compound of formula (1);

Group II, claim 34, drawn to a medicament used for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of glaucoma disease using a compound of formula (1);

Group III, claim 35, drawn to a medicament used for prophylactic and/or therapeutic treatment of bronchial asthma and/or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease using a compound of formula (1);

Group IV, claim 36, drawn to an inhibitor of the phosphorylation of myosin regulatory light chain, which comprises a compound of formula (1); and

Group V, claim 37, drawn to an inhibitor of the Rho/Rho kinase pathway, which comprises a compound of formula (1).

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-33 and 38-53.

Further, solely for purposes of instituting a search, Applicants elect the compound of Example 7 (i.e., Compound 3-12), which is N-[(5-isoquinolyl)sulfonyl]-N-[2-(phenylsulfonyl)ethyl]ethylenediamine, as a single species. Claims readable on the elected species are believed to include at least instantly pending claims 1, 12-14 and 22.

Even though Applicant's have elected the compound of Example 7 for instituting a search, it is submitted that a proper examination of the claims should properly entail a full consideration of all formula (1) compounds encompassed by instant generic claim 1.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey, Registration No. 32,881 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Dated:

Respectfully submitted,

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